



## Degree Time Limit for Graduate Students

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A graduate student has six calendar years to complete his or her degree program. The period begins with the student's first term of work after formal admission to a degree-granting program. Work completed as a non-degree student does not initiate the six-year period for completing a degree program. Courses taken more than six calendar years prior to the admission of a student into a degree program at WSSU normally are not accepted for credit toward fulfilling the requirements of the student's degree program. A student may petition the academic dean to request that work that is more than six years old be accepted for credit. Such petitions must include an explanation and the endorsement of the Graduate Program Coordinator and departmental chair.

| This decision of the Dean of the school/college is final.

Effective Date: This policy becomes effective upon adoption by the Board of Trustees.

Adopted: This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.

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